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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, ID, VN, VS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE OF GVN AT ASEAN MAY MEETING

1. FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED TODAY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR IDRIS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATION, THAT THE GVN WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING ASEAN CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. IF THE INVITATION IS EXTENDED THE FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INVITATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY ALTHOUGH THE ASEAN PRACTICE OF "CONSENSUS" WOULD PREVENT ANY EXTENSION OF A SIMILAR INVITATION TO THE PRG. THE GVN, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE ATTENDANCE OF THE DRV AND, IN FACT, WOULD WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SUCH AN INVITATION TO BE EXTENDED.

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